GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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HALLMARKED JEWELLERY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of jewellers having Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certification alongwith the number of jewellery articles hallmarked by them so far under BIS Hallmarking Scheme;

(b) the details of jewellers against whom cases have been filed in the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission whose samples had failed against declared purity in survey conducted by BIS; and

(c) the other steps taken by BIS to ensure availability of pure gold jewellery to the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : So far 1969 Gold Jewellers and 77 Silver Jewellers have taken Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) licence for hallmarking. Approximately, 1.38 crore gold articles and 871 silver articles, have been hallmarked so far.

(b) : Cases have been filed in Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission against 107 jewellers whose samples had failed against declared purity in survey conducted by BIS.

(c) : A scheme for setting up of Gold Hallmarking/ Assaying Centres with central assistance in 35 select districts in India has been launched for implementation during 2005-07 to ensure availability of pure gold jewellery to the consumers.